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SUBJ: FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION VISIT TO USSR: PRESS RELEASE

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE AGREED UPON AUG 29 BY FMC
CHAIRMAN BENTLEY AND MMF HOSTS. PLEASE PASS TO FEDERAL
MARITIME COMMISSION FOR IMMEDIATE OPEN RELEASE.

BEGIN TEXT: JOINT PRESS RELEASE BY U.S. FEDERAL MARITIME
COMMISSION AND USSR MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE.

THE FIRST ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL
MARITIME COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR
MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE WERE ENLIGHTENING AND HELPFUL,
OFFICIALS OF THE TWO AGENCIES SAID TODAY IN A JOINT PRESS
RELEASE.

THE THREE DAYS OF TALKS HELD IN MOSCOW FOCUSED
PRIMARILY ON LINER STEAMSHIP OPERATIONS IN AND OUT OF
UNITED STATES PORTS. THE SESSIONS WERE CONSIDERED PAR-
TICULARLY TIMELY BECAUSE THE SOVIET SHIPOWNERS IN RECENT
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WEEKS HAVE INITIATED REGULAR SHIPPING SERVICE TO UNITED

STATES NORTH ATLANTIC AND GULF PORTS AND THE USSR FAR EASTERN SHIPPING COMPANY HAS BEEN SAILING BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES WEST COAST SINCE JANUARY 1971.

T.B. GUZHENKO, MINISTER OF THE MERCHANT MARINE, EXTENDED THE INVITATION TO COME TO MOSCOW TO HELEN DELICH BENTLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION. CHAIRMAN BENTLEY HEADED THE U.S. DELEGATION.

MINISTER T. B. GUZHENKO OPENED THE SESSIONS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 27 BY EXTENDING GREETINGS TO THE U.S. DELEGATION IN HIS OFFICE AND GOING OVER AN OUTLINE OF THE DISCUSSIONS. HE THEN TURNED OVER THE DETAILED TALKS TO I.M. AVERIN, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY.

FMC CHAIRMAN BENTLEY POINTED OUT THAT TRADITIONAL STEAMSHIP LINES ON THE TRADE ROUTES ON WHICH THE SOVIET SHIPPING COMPANIES OPERATE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FREIGHT RATES FILED BY THESE COMPANIES WITH THE FMC AS WELL AS THE OVERTONNAGING ON ROUTES ALREADY SERVED. THE RATES QUOTED BY SOVIET SHIPOWNERS ARE LOWER THAN THOSE OF STEAMSHIP CONFERENCES, BUT ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF OTHER INDEPENDENT OPERATORS. THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES EXPLAINED THAT SUCH TARIFFS WERE VITAL TO THE SUCCESS IN OBTAINING CARGOES AT LEAST IN THE INITIAL STAGES, BUT AGREED TO LOOK INTO THESE RATES WHICH WERE POINTED OUT BY THE FMC AS A THREAT TO EMBARKING ON THE RATE WAR.

G.A. MASLOV, CHAIRMAN OF V/O SOVINFLLOT, WHO ARE GENERAL AGENTS FOR SOVIET SHIPOWNERS, EMPHASIZED THAT EACH USSR STEAMSHIP LINE WAS SET UP AS AN INDEPENDENT COMMERCIAL OPERATION CHARGING THEREFORE COMPENSATORY RATES.

THE SOVIET DELEGATION INFORMED THAT USSR SHIPOWNERS DID NOT OBJECT AND INTENDED TO ENTER INTO INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TRADITIONAL AND INDEPENDENT STEAMSHIP OPERATORS OF U.S. AND OTHER FLAGS TRADING TO AND FROM U.S. PORTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND ATTEMPT TO COOPERATE IN THE DIRECTION OF A STABILIZATION OF THE TRADES.

BOTH PARTIES SAID THEY WOULD CONFER AGAIN IN NOVEMBER REGARDING THE RATES AS WELL AS THE LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ON CROSS TRADERS OR THIRD FLAG SHIPS. END TEXT.

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